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FIFTY YEARS AGO.

Editor Barron Kindly Contributes Another Chapter on the Early Days of Our County.

EDITOR NEWS: As you have kindly published my former article, I will try to give you some further reminiscences of the olden time. When I begin to recall the scenes and events of those years they come so vividly to my mind that it hardly seems possible that half a century has passed away and I am now an old man who has passed through the most of life and will soon arrive at the end.

The organization of the new county and the location of the county seat, raised high hopes and expectations with the McConnellsburg people; it was, of course, thought that property would become more valuable, and that the town would rapidly grow in population. But they were doomed to disappointment. I question if the rise in real estate, all told, ever amounted to the sum expended for the public buildings; and the addition to the population was hardly perceptible. With the exception of an influx of lawyers to practice at the court, a doctor or two, the two editors of the papers, and, perhaps, one or two new business firms, there came nothing to add to the business or growth of the town. The reason was, the town's isolation. Shut off from the outside world by mountains—no railroad or prospect of getting any,—kept people from coming there to locate and do business; and so the town remained about the same as before, except that we had court days, more people came to town, and there was more life; and the new arrivals of professional men with their families, added to the social life of the town.

I remember well the first Court we had. It was held in the old Seeceder church in the south part of the town—the building that was later used and may be yet—by the German Reformed people. Judge Jeremiah S. Black presided, who later became Judge of the Supreme Court, Attorney General of the United States, and Secretary of State in the closing days of Buchanan's administration. I remember Judge Black as a heavy set man with a thick mass of black hair crowning a massive head. He was an inveterate user of tobacco which he chewed as if it were something good to eat. He impressed me, boy as I was, with his greatness of intellect; and no one could be in his presence without being impressed with his powerful personality. He had undoubtedly one of the greatest legal minds this country has produced. He came to be a familiar figure, and I have often seen him come sweeping down the pike behind his two roans that he drove as he traveled from court to court.

The first associate Judges were Hons. Samuel Robinson and Mark Dickson. I do not now recall certainly, who the other county officers were, but I think Daniel Fore was Sheriff and I think George Wilds was Prothonotary. After serving a year or two Judge Black was elected to the Supreme Court and Judge Kimmel, his brother-in-law, was elected in his place. Judge Kimmel was elected as a Whig, but I believe he, later in life, became a Democrat and if I mistake not, is still living. I will not affirm, however, that that is due to his democracy.

The first court I think was held in January of 1851. It was a new thing to the town, and a great many people came to see how courts were run, many of whom, probably had never been in a court room before. Of course the principal thing to be done at this first term was to put the machinery of the new county in motion, as there was not much to do in the regular routine.

As a court can't get along without lawyers, several came in at the formation of the new county, mostly from Bedford. I remain

Cupid Still Busy.

HENDERSHOT—MELLOTT.

At the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Mellott in Ayr township, on Wednesday April 16, 1902, Rev. Lewis Chambers united in marriage, Miss Jessie May Mellott and Mr. John Hendershot, both of Ayr township.

MELLOTT—WHITFIELD.

At the Lutheran parsonage in this place Thursday April 17, 1902 by Rev. A. G. Wolf, Mr. Gilbert B. Mellott of Ayr township and Miss Lettie Whitfield of Union township were united in marriage. The young people are among Fulton county's best teachers, and have the best wishes of their many friends.

BARTON—ANDERSON.

Mr. S. Charles Barton of Homestead, Pa., and Miss Cora M. Anderson, of near Dublin Mills, Pa., were married at the bride's home in the presence of near friends and relatives by Rev. W. J. Sheaffer of Three Springs, Pa., at 10.30 A. M. Wednesday April 17, 1902. An excellent dinner was served, after which the young couple left for Homestead, where they will make their future home.

HOOVER—MATHIAS.

At the bride's home in Hustontown, April 22, Miss Millie B. Mathias and Mr. Edward J. Hoover were united in holy wedlock.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Mathias of Hustontown.

To say that she will be missed in her useful circle of life here is merely touching at the fact that she is an accomplished lady and is highly esteemed by her associates and friends.

The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Hoover also of Hustontown.

To say that he is an industrious and intelligent young man can be based upon the fact that, for the past few years he has been employed, as manager and clerk in the largest hardware and stove establishment in West Superior, Wis.

At 9 a. m. the marriage ceremony was conducted by Rev. J. Melroy after which by overland route they were conveyed to Three Springs where they took the train for West Superior Wis. there they will make their future home.

The happy couple leave behind them many warm friends. Our best wishes go with them and may their life be a happy one.

MOSTEN—WALKER.

On Tuesday April 15, 1902 by Rev. A. G. Wolf at the parsonage in this place, Edgar Mosten and Rebecca Walker were married.

A Flourishing Village.

EDITOR NEWS: While canvassing your county recently, I stayed over night in Needmore, and I was much surprised to see the improvements there since a former visit to the place. New buildings going up, new streets located, and corner lots bringing good prices for an inland village without a railroad. But the railroad will come in a very short time. I have learned recently that a link will be built through Fulton county east and west coupling two roads, one starting from the far west; the other in the east. When this is accomplished, then you will all see what a boom will be at Needmore and McConnellsburg; for this link of road will we pay both places. I am told that boarding with private families is \$2.50 a week, and that a part of Needmore High School is likely to move to McConnellsburg where the students can find places to board in town, until Needmore gets more boarding places.—These are facts. God bless Needmore and boom it on till it shall truthfully say "I once was small and disgraced by naming me Needmore, but now I am a great city of business and morality.

TRAVELING OBSERVER.

THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

Synopsis of Its Origin and Growth by Rev. S. L. Baugher, Needmore.

Webster says: "Origin denotes the commencement of a thing." With this simple definition, I am to write of the organization known as the Christian Church.

A thing may exist before it has definite form, as, for instance, for a time after the creation of the earth, it was without form and void. Its origin dates far back of the time when God called the dry land earth, and gave the great plastic mass shape, character, and occupants.

The Christians, as a separate and distinct organization, came into existence near the close of the eighteenth century. Nearly all the first members were Virginians and North Carolinians. The leading spirit in the organization was Rev. James O'Kelly, an able and eloquent minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. O'Kelly, and those who acted with him, became dissatisfied with the form of government adopted by the Methodist Episcopal Church at its first General Conference in this country, and failing in his efforts to overthrow those measures, which he and his brethren considered arbitrary and anti-republican, he decided to withdraw from the Methodists and continue his work independent of them. This he did at the Conference held in the city of Baltimore, 1792, and was followed by about thirty other ministers. After one or two preliminary meetings they met in Conference in 1793 and adopted substantially the principles now held by the Christians.

At this meeting they decided to call themselves Republican Methodists. But, in 1796, they again met in general conference in Surry county, Va., and decided, at the suggestion of Rev. Rice Haggard, one of their number, to discard all names except the one which would fully express their relation to Christ the head of the church, one by which the disciples were first called, at Antioch—CHRISTIANS. (see Acts. 11: 26.)

Those who entered into this new organization, in 1794, numbered about one thousand, and many more united with them the next year. The ministers were generally distinguished for their piety and zeal, and the lay members for their hospitality and love of freedom. A few years later another form of religious intolerance beset the Baptists of New England. The restless masses could not be kept in subjection to a repugnant doctrine, no more than to an autocratic bishop. Sectarian names, human creeds, and close communion split the Baptists of New England, and Abner Jones set out as their leader to find the way into a freer and sweeter atmosphere for the religious life of himself and his people. Strangely, should I not rather say, providentially, Jones found his way along the same spiritual highway in which James O'Kelly and his associates were traveling, and they came together as brethren in Christ.

Yet a little later another upheaval in religious thought took place in Kentucky and Tennessee, and extending into some of the farther Western states. This time it was among the Presbyterians, and Rev. Barton W. Stone led the advance guard of the people against the encroachments of creeds and dogmas, which so disturbed their experience and place. Stone caught up the banner and led the march to liberty. He and his associates came upon the camping ground with Revs. O'Kelly and Jones, and the trio with joyful souls and brave hearts—with scriptural doctrines and Godly practices—all blending into a beautiful harmony, faced as in a solid phalanx, we will except no creed but the Bible, and exalting the Bible, said: "Here we will meet you, but not short of it, nor beyond it." Their proposal was

"A Smoker."

As a reply to invitations sent out by Washington Camp 554 P. O. S. of A. Hustontown Pa., a large number of members of that organization, from the different camps in the county assembled in Washington Hall at Hustontown and spent an extremely pleasant evening.

First in order was a united session of camp at the close of which a number of short, witty, solid, patriotic speeches were made. The camps represented were Crystal Spring, New Grenada and Needmore. Each delegation had its spokesman or cannon, O. A. Barton for Crystal Springs, S. R. Martin for Needmore, and Jas. A. McDonough for New Grenada. After the session of Camp the entire body filled their capacious stomachs by pouring in sandwiches, coffee, pickles, eggs, &c. The final course was the real thing (smoke) too thick to cut with a knife. Music for dessert.

Such organizations and societies put men on an equality.

New Grenada.

The Editor caused two items in two last issues of the "News" to say "Mr." Jacob Black and "H." Clay Cornelius were suffering with neuralgia, it should have been "Mrs."

M. W. Houck made a business trip to Huntingdon and spent a few days there during the week.

Dr. R. B. Campbell visited his brother Dr. F. S. Campbell at Hopewell on Wednesday; also, attended the funeral of Dr. Detwiler at that place.

W. L. McKee of Brush Creek, and Phil J. Barton of Taylor, were political callers in Wells the past week.

George Shafer has erected a new picket yard fence at his dwelling in New Grenada which adds much to the appearance of his beautiful residence.

A. D. Keith has put a new roof on his stable.

J. A. McDonough made a business trip to Eagle Foundry on Tuesday. Stopped with Eli Keith awhile.

James F. McClain has bought a new mill, and it is now in operation at his saw mill.

Information reached us on Saturday that Carlton L., son of Geo. W. Coulter, agent at 5th Ave. Station, P. R. R., Pittsburg, Pa., is suffering with typhoid fever.—Carlton is a nephew of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Cunningham.

John Mills was halted in the road by Jesse B. McClain's vicious dog, and now inquires what human flesh is worth per pound. He says he is minus half a pound. He shot at the dog with a post-digger, but the thing wouldn't go off.

Quite a number of our P. O. S. A. boys visited Hustontown Camp Saturday night, and took in the Social "Smoker."

Jacob S. Black, who was elected school director in February was also appointed director at a meeting of the Board of Wells, to fill the unexpired term yet vacant by failure of Joseph Woodcock to qualify last year.

Miss Myra Sanderson and Miss Lizzie Rhodes two of Saxton's fair damsels, attended the wedding of Cora Anderson at Center, and visited H. H. Bridenstine and James L. Grissinger on their return home.

Harvey Shaffer of Dudley spent Sunday at home here with parents and friends.

The mines at Woodvale are again drowed out, and the mines at Robertsdale suspended indefinitely on account of some variance between employees and R. I. & C. Co.

Rev. Amos S. Baldwin, who for sometime has been pastor of the First Methodist church at Lock Haven, has been appointed Presiding Elder of the Juniata District, and is moving his family to Huntingdon where he will reside. We congratulate you, brother Baldwin.

\$200.00 Reward!

The Town council of McConnellsburg hereby offer a reward of two hundred dollars for the arrest and conviction of the party or parties implicated in firing property of citizens of said borough.

HENRY W. SCOTT, Burgess.
WM. HULL, Clerk.

Clear Ridge.

W. J. Grove has gone to Somerset county to work in a lumber job.

J. K. Woodcock has been ill the past week.

Miss Myrtle Kelso of Knobsville, spent a few days recently with Lillian Fleming.

Miss Annie Fields is employed in the family of James Doran.

Mrs. Hannah Brown and son Bert, spent Saturday evening with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Mahala Wilson, who is in poor health.

S. L. Bedford was rusticated among friends in the lower part of the county on Saturday.

Masters Cleve Fields and Cleve Henry are the champion ox-drivers of the day.

Mrs. R. J. Fields and Mrs. R. E. Brown spent a day last week in McConnellsburg.

Bert Mathias of Burnt Cabins, spent a few days with his uncle, Robert Gallaher.

Solomon Clippinger of Franklin county, was here on business Monday.

Isaac Bolinger and wife spent Sunday with her brother, S. L. Bedford.

Misses Nellie Kelso, Ada Fleming, Lula Brown, and Mamie Fields spent Sunday with Misses Gertrude and Belle Henry.

Some of our boys went fishing the other day and got so hungry they couldn't wait until they could reach home; so concluded to beg. We would advise their mothers to send a lunch along next time, as they don't have any success in the business.

Mrs. Sue Mowers helped Mrs. A. J. Fraker to quilt one day last week.

Miss Lillian Fleming spent Saturday and Sunday with S. R. Fraker and wife of Fort Littleton.

Laidig.

Levi Hockensmith, Miss Luella Laidig, Edward Deshong, Miss Netha Foreman, Howard Deshong, Miss Elsie Laidig,—all spent Sunday evening very pleasantly as guests of Miss Bessie Hampton.

Miss Mary Mumma spent Sabbath evening with her friend Miss Zella Laidig.

John Mumma and family spent Sunday at James Hampton's.

Edward Deshong has gone to Wells Valley to work for Mr. William Deshong.

James G. Hampton, Jr., is employed at Zack McElhaney's.

John Deavor left last week for Lancaster.

Mr. Frank Davis and wife spent Sunday at James Horton's.

John Hampton is employed at William Davis's.

Mrs. Lydia Minick is spending a few days at Saluvia.

Mrs. Michael Laidig and daughter Miss Elsie, Miss Bessie Hampton and Miss Nettie Foreman, spent Monday at John Mumma's.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hampton, were called to Saluvia Sunday morning, on account of the serious illness of Mrs. Hampton's uncle Mr. James Minick.

Asbury Church.

Services as follows: Preaching, May 4, 8 P. M. Theme: "How the Christian Lives and Dies for the Good of Others." Prayer meeting every Thursday evening. Sunday school every Sunday morning at 9 o'clock.

The first quarterly conference will be held in this church Saturday morning, May 10, and a sermon by Dr. Yocum. The Doctor will also preach and administer Communion Sunday May 11, at 2.30 P. M.

REV. J. E. OTT, Pastor.

Needs Recreation.

The "Public Opinion of Chambersburg, says that D. B. Nace, a former resident of this place, but now secretary and treasurer of the Chambersburg Trust Company, would like to sever his official connection with that institution, on account of failing health. When seen by a representative of the "Opinion" Mr. Nace said: "I have not been in very good health for some time past and I would like very much to retire from active business and, as it were, to rest on my oars for the balance of my life." Mr. Nace has been an active business man for many years and his retirement would be a source of much regret to his business associates who have held his foresight and business tact in high esteem. The directors and shareholders of the Trust company are very loathe to discuss the retirement of Mr. Nace. To them it would be a great loss. It has been said that when his resignation is handed to the directors they will refuse to accept it and endeavor to prevail on Mr. Nace to consider and remain the cashier of the company.

Maple Ridge.

Ellen Mellott and son James, were visiting M. D. Mellott's family, Sunday.

Howard Garland, Anna Deshong, and Goldie Deshong, visited Simon Deshong's Sunday.

Singing was well attended at Sideling Hill Saturday night.

David Kline and wife visited John Bard's Saturday night and Sunday.

Scott Mellott can be heard singing "A Charge to Keep I Have." It is a brand new pair of slippers.

Simon Deshong is having a hen roost erected. The carpenters are Henry Strait, Scott Mellott, and Sheridan Deshong.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lake attended Sunday school at Sideling Hill Sunday.

James A. Mellott hoping to spread measles traveled Licking Creek and Belfast over, but to his utter dismay, when he got home he did not have them.

Miss Viola Deshong was doing service for Uncle Sam Saturday. Scott Mellott's business keeps him to a late hour of the night. The serious result is, making his mother wait breakfast.

James Mellott is going to transplant his corn from the hot bed to the field next week.

The latest hats for young men are red and white; anyone wishing to see one, call on Sheridan Deshong.

James Feigley was employed last week at Sheridan Deshong's putting boards under his garden fence to keep the bugs out.

We were quite surprised the other day to find the air perfumed with the sweet attar of roses; but thinking it quite soon for them, to our surprise we found it was Cleveland Fohner passing.

William Mellott has stopped singing, "Oh happy is the miller that lives by himself," and is now singing, "Married life is a happy life, and a single life is lonely."

Whips Cove.

The Locust Grove and Oak Grove schools closed last Friday. We hope they all had a good time.

Miss Lillie Layton is going to Johnstown in a few weeks.

Emory Diehl has gone to Pittsburg to travel for a Portrait Company. Howard Garland expects to go in the near future.

Miss Anna Deshong, after completing a very successful term of school at this place left this morning for her home in McConnellsburg. She was accompanied by her friend, Howard Garland.

Miss Alice Hart is recovering from a severe attack of erysipelas.

Lemuel Smith spent a couple days in McConnellsburg last week.

James A. Layton has returned from Clearfield after a visit of two days. James is a hustler.

John Martin is a frequent visitor to Black Oak Ridge. John is there any attraction over there?

An Old Relic.

Dwight Thompson, one of our painters has in his possession a paper shilling, which was current money by act of General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, passed March 20, 1777. The shilling bears the date of April 10, 1777, and is, therefore, one hundred and twenty-five years old.

There is a picture on the face side of a ship, a plow, and three sheaves of wheat. On the opposite side is a picture of a farm house and field, also the words: "One Shilling, No. 8393. To counterfeit is DEATH. Philadelphia. Printed by John Dunlap. 1777.

Sipes Mill.

Joseph Lake and wife visited J. N. Daniels Sunday.

Singing was well conducted at the Christian Church under the leadership of Newton Bard.

Miss Margaret Daniels' school closed last Friday, and the boys report a very exciting time. They say some very ferocious animal came in the school house. I wonder what it was?

To sharpen the citizens of McConnellsburg, our friend, O. T. Mellott took 20 bushels of grindstones over last Saturday.

Henry Truax and wife of Needmore visited Michael Bard's on Sunday.

Saluvia.

O. E. Hann, is seriously ill at this writing.

Charles H. Mellott, was in Everett last Friday on business.

Measles have become epidemic in this neighborhood.

Mrs. George W. Mellott, who has been dangerously ill the past few weeks, continues in a critical condition.

James Minick is suffering from a dangerous attack of pneumonia. His friends have no hope for his recovery.

H. H. Minick, of Everett, was called to this place on account of the dangerous illness of his father James Minick.

Mrs. Anna Hann, who had been spending several weeks very pleasantly visiting her son Porter at Clearfield returned to her home last Monday.

Porter Hann, who had accompanied his mother to this place returned to his home in Clearfield Friday. The cause of Porter's smile was the arrival of a son at his home a few weeks ago.

Robert Deshong of Huntingdon county who is visiting friends at this place, met with a very serious accident Friday evening. He called at Lewis Ensley's and in attempting to descend a steep bank in front of the house, he fell, sustaining a painful and serious injury to his head.

Mrs. John Fisher, and Miss Stoner, spent Sunday night with Mrs. L. E. Harris, enroute to their home in Bedford.

Our M. E. minister's name is Ott, instead of Otis, as reported last week. Your correspondent misunderstood the name.

L. H. Wible, a candidate for county superintendent, was calling on our directors last week.

Mrs. Mahala Deshong, and daughter Miss Dora, left Thursday, for a few weeks visit with Mrs. Deshong's son Edward of Cross Forks. They will experience the pleasure of their first ride on a railway train.

Prof. B. N. Palmer, of Needmore spent Saturday in this vicinity in the interest of his candidacy for County Superintendent.

D. D. G. M. Harry K. Markley, assisted by George W. Fisher, and Prof. B. N. Palmer, of Warfordsburg lodge, installed the following officers in Harrisonville lodge No. 710 I. O. O. F. Saturday evening: N. G., L. M. Hockensmith; V. G., G. H. Hann; R. S., J. V. Deavor; I. G., N. E. M. Hoover; Secretary, George F. Metzler; Cond. George A. Harris.

Holy communion at Big Cove Tannery church, April 27, 1902, at 10 A. M. Preparatory service April 28, at 2.30 P. M.

A. G. Wolf, pastor.